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Dear Mr. Cavanaugh:

I apologize for the delay of this response to your letter supporting recognition of the Red Star of David as an internationally recognized protective symbol with the same status as the red cross emblem, and recognition of the national society of Israel, Magen David Adom, by the International Red Cross. Your letter arrived before the recent International Conference of the Red Cross in Bucharest, and I am glad to report that the Conference took an important step towards resolving this problem.

By unanimous vote the Conference established a working group to study all questions relating to the emblem, with the aim of achieving a greater degree of universality for the emblem and thus for the Red Cross movement. The United States government and the American Red Cross have long supported the recognition of the Red Star of David and the Magen David Adom, and it is our hope that the newly formed committee will suggest a solution which will make this possible.

We appreciate knowing of your interest in this subject and assure you of the State Department's continued support for recognition of the Red Star of David and the Magen David Adom.

Sincerely,

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Human Rights and
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The Honorable
John J. Cavanaugh,
House of Representatives.

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